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<p>PERTINENT INFORMATION</p> <p>The information below is extracted from a letter written by an Aramco executive to the president of his company.</p> <p>5. The news we received from Saudi Arabia indicated that nothing had happened there, and that the King had spoken out against the committing of any acts against the Americans. I might add, that, in the meantime, both the political authorities and the religious authorities had acted to check any further demonstrations.</p> <p>The Grand MUFTI HAD advised the students to go back and do their work. He said that they would be called upon later. In the meantime, there had been, as you know, extremely violent demonstrations in Syria which ad resulted in two deaths and several wounded.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>P.4 #16</p> <p>16. He then complained a bit about the actions of the Grand MUFTI and Abdullah of Trans-Jordan. He said that the Grand MUFTI had been a controlling factor of late in preventing military operations from starting. But he said, "You can depend on it that the MUFTI is anxious for fighting to develop in Palestine. He is more of a radical than I am. I believe it can be avoided. The MUFTI is anxious for it to begin." He then discussed Abdul'ah. He said that Abdullah. He said that Abdullah had promised he would not intervene in Palestine without the support of the other Arab powers.</p> <p>P.8 #30.</p> <p>30. The Hashimites from Iraq and Trans-Jordan are trying to realize the ancient vision of a united Syria under Hashimite domination. This is bitterly opposed by the Egyptians who had throughout history some interest in these countries to the north; and of course by King Ibn Saud to the south. I have thought, and continue to think, that Faisal has ambitions ultimately to be King in Syria itself. I do not think, however that he would confess this to even his closest friends. We have in this situation two indigestible elements which are disturbing at the present moment; The King of Trans-Jordan, Abdullah, who is not as bitterly opposed to partition as the other countries because he feels that he will inherit the Arab portion of Palestine. Of a rather different type, we have the Grand MUFTI who is anxious himself to be the ruler of Palestine and has important political ambitions. Note that Assam Pasha said to me that Husaini wished ultimately for war in Palestine."</p> <p align="center">THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE SUBJECT OF THIS DOCUMENT.</p> <p align="center">SECRET SECURITY INFORMATION</p>			
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